

**Amendments to the Specification:**

1. Please insert at page 1, after the title "Novel Protein and DNA", the following paragraph:

**--Related Applications**

This application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/019,733 filed December 28, 2001, which claims priority to PCT/JP00/04189, filed June 27, 2000, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 017770/2000, filed January 21, 2000, 192391/1999, filed July 6, 1999, and 181121/1999, filed June 28, 1999. The entireties of these applications are incorporated herein by reference. --

2. At the last page of the Specification, please insert the Sequence Listing attached hereto and number pages of the sequence listing as appropriate.

Attachment: Paper Copy of Sequence Listing (16 pages).